

April 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT
(FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allocate Fourth Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$15,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant for the project to the Department of Public Works (Public Works) when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.
3. Authorize the Director to reimburse Public Works for costs incurred on the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project prior to the date of this action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$15,000 in Specified Excess Funds to the MRCA for the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project along the Los Angeles River at 34th Street and Deforest Avenue in the City of Long Beach. The MRCA, which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects along the Los Angeles River under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) will assign the right to apply for the funds to Public Works for the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project.

The commemorative gate will replace the existing Flood Control District gate at Wardlow Road and be the site of the 10th Annual Los Angeles River Master Plan Earth Day event scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2007. The commemorative gate project will be jointly funded by \$15,000 in Specified Excess Funds and \$15,000 from the Port of Long Beach for a project total of \$30,000.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director be authorized to reimburse Public Works for costs incurred on the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project prior to the date of this action. The Port of Long Beach will pay for the gate and Public Works will then reimburse the Port of Long Beach once a grant agreement has been executed.

In a related item on today's agenda, Public Works is recommending approval of the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for a project to commemorate the

Los Angeles River Master Plan and provide access to the Los Angeles River in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$15,000 is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for specified projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well. Because Public Works incurred project costs on the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project prior to this action, the Director is recommending your Board's approval to allow the District to reimburse Public Works for these costs once a grant agreement has been executed.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended project will enhance awareness of and provide access to the Los Angeles River in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The County is the lead agency for the Wrigley Greenbelt Gate Project and as such has prepared appropriate environmental documents for the project.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director, Parks and Recreation

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County Counsel

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